

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	15869	Agenda Number	30.
Meeting Date:	June 7, 2012			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
<p>Authorize award and execution of four contracts for the purchase and installation of furnishings and fixtures for Austin Energy's new System Control Center through the TEXAS MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE (TXMAS) cooperative purchasing program with: ROCKFORD BUSINESS INTERIORS in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,420,038; AUSTIN BUSINESS FURNITURE in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,198,370; and OFFICE SOURCE LTD. in an estimated amount not to exceed \$34,386 and through the Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) with GRAINGER, INC. in an estimated amount not to exceed \$29,775 for a total estimated amount not to exceed \$2,682,569 each and combined.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is attached.				
Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Shawn Willett, Supervising Sr. Buyer / 505-7351			
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.			
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.			
Additional Backup Information				

In October 2005, the City Manager was directed by City Council to relocate the existing Energy Control Center (ECC) from its West Avenue location so that the property could be incorporated into the Seaholm and downtown redevelopment efforts. In July 2007, City Council approved the purchase of an existing building and surrounding 12 acres from Tokyo Electron, located at 2500 Montopolis Drive, with the objective of using this property for the control center relocation project. This new facility, the System Control Center (SCC), will house current ECC employees as well as several other compatible workgroups within Austin Energy.

When the renovation is complete, the existing building will have increased in size from 120,000 to 174,000 square feet. Also, a new 18,000 square foot building will be built to house Austin Energy's Distribution System Restoration and Maintenance Group and provide a sheltered area for bucket trucks. These facilities will provide the City of Austin and Austin Energy with state of the art control and data centers required to meet North American Reliability Corporation (NERC) standards. It will also meet current standards for physical security appropriate to the electric industry and provide the space required to support advancement of the Smart Grid.

This proposed action is requesting approval of contracts with Rockford Business Interiors, Austin TX; Austin Business Furniture, Austin Texas; Office Source Ltd., San Antonio, TX; and Grainger Inc., Austin TX, for the purchase of furnishings, fixtures, and cubicles for the new SCC. This purchase includes items needed to furnish the building including freestanding office furniture for offices, break rooms and conference rooms, laboratory equipment and shelving, modular pieces necessary for the fabrication of cubicles throughout the building, and outside furniture. Austin Energy staff coordinated a lengthy process to ensure these items fall within the specifications of the design plan developed by the firm contracted for the design of the building.

The SCC project is targeting a LEED silver certification for design and construction and supports Austin Energy's commitment to renewable energy as stated in the 2003 Strategic Plan and the 2007 Austin Climate Protection Plan.

These cooperative purchasing programs have been competitively bid, negotiated, and offer deep discounts of up to 62% off list prices for these contract items.